

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy hereby amends Chapter 200, "Licensure of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants," and Chapter 202, "Discipline for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments clarify examination requirements, remove outdated language concerning foreign-trained applicants, remove outdated language for renewal to be consistent with Iowa Code chapter 147 and clarify that conviction of a crime includes when judgment of conviction or sentence was deferred.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 11, 2012, as **ARC 9972B**. A public hearing was held January 31, 2012, from 8 to 8:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room 526, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. No public comment was received on the proposed amendments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments were adopted by the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy on March 16, 2012.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments will become effective May 23, 2012.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.3, 147.10, 147.34, 147.55, 148A.4 and 272C.3.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 200.4(3) as follows:

200.4(3) Before the board may approve an applicant for testing beyond three attempts, an applicant shall reapply for licensure and shall demonstrate evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed additional ~~clinical training or coursework, or both.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subparagraph **200.5(1)“a”(1)** as follows:

(1) If the degree is granted on or before January 31, 2004, the degree must be equivalent to at least a baccalaureate degree. ~~The baccalaureate program shall consist of a minimum of 60 hours of general education and 60 hours of professional education.~~

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 200.9(1) as follows:

200.9(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall begin on the sixteenth day of the birth month and end on the fifteenth day of the birth month two years later. ~~The board shall send a renewal notice by regular mail to each licensee at the address on record at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license.~~ The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive ~~the~~ notice from the board does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

ITEM 4. Amend subrule 202.2(11) as follows:

202.2(11) Conviction of a crime related to the profession or occupation of the licensee or the conviction of any crime that would affect the licensee's ability to practice physical therapy within the profession, regardless of whether the judgment of conviction or sentence was deferred. A copy of the record of conviction or plea of guilty shall be conclusive evidence.

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